

# Constantly pursuing excellence

By Ngoc Thach  
Editor-in-Chief

The Sioux Falls Catholic Schools System is one of the first systems like itself in the nation and has served as a model for many other Catholic school systems around the country.

Arranging the Catholic schools in Sioux Falls into one school system over 17 years ago was no easy task, but one man has been leading the development of the SFCSS Corporation since the beginning. Dr. Tom Lorang, the superintendent of the Sioux Falls Catholic Schools, may be overlooked at a football game when he is just another fan, but the result of this humble man's hard work surrounds every SFCS student.

Dr. Lorang was born in Sioux City, Iowa, and raised in Hartford, South Dakota, along with his seven siblings. Early on, Dr. Lorang drew inspiration primarily from his parents.

"When I was young my parents primarily inspired me. They were extremely faith filled people and extremely hard working people. They really gave me a sense of possibility and I appreciated most that they never made excuses," said Lorang.

Today, Lorang talks of inspiration coming from people who have a strong sense of who they are and where they come from. However, nothing inspires him more than the young faces that attend the schools, games, activities and plays that he often attends.

After graduation from Hartford High School, Lorang went on to attend college and receive his Bachelors degree in history and English from Dakota State University in Madison, South Dakota but his education was far from finished there. Lorang furthered his achievements when he received his Masters Degree in Educational Psychology and Guidance and then his specialist degree from the University of South Dakota. In 1978 Lorang became the principal of O'Gorman High School and received

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Sioux Falls Catholic Schools Superintendent Dr. Tom Lorang

## Red Ribbon Week raises substance awareness

*Students partake in activities to raise substance abuse awareness*

By Melissa Rushing  
Staff Writer

Red Ribbon Week kicked off on Oct. 22 and was a week dedicated to bringing awareness to students about substance abuse and prevention. TATU (Teens Against Tobacco Use) and SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) headed up the annual event and held various activities for students such as a giant crossword in the cafeteria, a chance to use the Fatal Vision Goggles and two dress-up days.

"It will be a fun week for students to get involved and learn something," said Ellie Larson, supervisor for TATU and SADD. "And that's the most important thing - having fun while learning."

"[TATU and SADD aren't] just doing community service; it is helping get laws passed and educating the public," said junior Francesca Fogarty, a member of TATU and SADD. "I think that the important thing to remember is that there are people who die from tobacco and drug use. It is an issue that we all need to keep in mind. It really shouldn't be something we think about only once a year."

70 students are involved in TATU and SADD collectively and host fundraisers for drug prevention awareness while also teaching at various schools.

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## Early construction source of stress for teachers

By Chris Kappen  
Activities Editor

O'Gorman students will notice a few things are different when they come back from winter vacation next year. By late December, many parts of the school are scheduled to be demolished. Due to this, many teachers and faculty are moving their classes to somewhere else, such as G-wing or down by the lower portion of the school.

Construction will be a regular thing as this year proceeds on.

Next fall, in order to help students get to class from G-wing to the lower portion of O'Gorman,

construction crews will make an enclosed walking space through the outside of O'Gorman around the auditorium.

"We do not foresee that there will need to be a change in the times between class periods" said principal Mr. Kyle Groos.

The demolition will begin as students leave for Christmas break. Some of the faculty's classes and offices to be demolished are Mr. Garrison's office, the A-V room and the attendance office.

The library and the computer labs are also planned for demolition in January. The library and as many computers as possible will be moved to the lower boardroom

by the chorus and band room. Books will be placed on carts and will be put in a storage area. Students may request a book from the librarians, and they will go and find the book.

Mr. Garrison's Woods class is helping to ease the strain on overcrowding in the G-wing by constructing a wall that will divide the photography/study hall room, G-5, into two rooms.

There is some concern that during the school year, students will be distracted by the construction outside.

"The other concern is that we can stick to our construction timelines," said Groos.

### Construction Quick Facts

Construction will begin in January.

The library will be moved to the lower boardroom near the chorus room.

Library books will be placed in a storage room on carts.

Several of the school's faculty will relocate their classrooms.

Dr. Lorang: A man with a vision

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his Doctorate in Educational Administration in 1987. Three years later, Lorang was the first superintendent of the newly formed Sioux Falls Catholic School System.

“I always had an interest in Catholic schools. I was brought up in the public schools. After graduation from college I worked in the Yankton school system as a coach, teacher and counselor. When O’Gorman’s principal position opened up, a couple of priests called and talked to me. I decided to give it a go and I’ve been happy ever since,” said Lorang.

It all started with a principal position at O’Gorman and now Lorang heads up the SFCSS, an enormously successful school system and in itself a successful corporation. The superintendent is last to take credit for the great success, though. For him, the system is the product of hard work coming from many people. Planning for the school system came from a clear vision and high expectations.

“In any kind of organization including an educational organization, you need a clear vision of where it is that you’re going. To do that you include a lot of people in planning and talking and looking at how you’re going to prepare your students. It’s

having very clear expectations about that when you succeed. I look then at what material things we have or need, tasks, resources, and how we treat people,” said Lorang.

The hard work of all the administrators, priests and Dr. Lorang himself over the years shows immensely in the schools and students they have provided for. Today the schools follow a Sioux Falls Catholic Schools mission statement in which they strive for community, faith and academic excellence. The SFCSS administrators also follow a vision statement in which they are led by Divine guidance to provide a world-class education for their students and strive to achieve that excellence.

In essence, O’Gorman High School and all the Sioux Falls Catholic schools collectively are fortunate to be led by a man who is in the constant pursuit for excellence and has a heart full of love for what he does.

Dr. Lorang is a man who is committed to his job and even more committed to an extended family made up of students, parents, staff and faculty.

“When I see and observe our students, parents and staff achieving at a high level and assisting each other, I’m thrilled,” said Lorang.

With that, let the tradition of faith, community and excellence continue.

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-Dr. Lorang

Scroll Poll

The following survey results were compiled by Sports Editor David Haney. The voluntary survey was completed by lunch study halls, and 197 students were surveyed in the process. This survey was completed in conjunction with the news article “Seniors, why vote?” found on page 3 of this issue of the *Knight Scroll*.

Do you have a strong political opinion?  
45% Yes.....55% No

Do you have a set political affiliation?  
61% Yes.....39% No

Do your parents affect your political affiliation?  
58% Yes.....42% No

When able, do you plan on voting?  
94% Yes.....6% No

As of now what party affiliation would you register for?  
Democratic.....18%  
Independent.....24%  
Republican.....58%

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O’Gorman fun find

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Congratulations to **Katie Benedict** for being the first to complete last month’s fun find. The first person to return this fun find completed to the *Scroll* room will receive a handsome prize.





## O'G picks new logo

By Billie Jo Kubat  
Staff Writer

The O'Gorman community has voted for its first standard logo. There were more than 1,800 votes for a standard logo design. "We never had a set logo to send to printing companies," said principal Mr. Kyle Groos.

"It was a grab bag method for printing a logo, and now we can send the set logos out to printing companies." Groos said that they had been looking into a set logo for about a year.

The logos will be seen on coaching shirts, student activity shirts and the school's publications. O'Gorman will also have a set spelling and writing of its name. Groos says that there is always a chance that the logo could change in the future. The school will review the logo and make sure that it still works.

Groos is not sure how often the logo will be reviewed. The old logos that O'Gorman used were found on clip art. The O'Gorman logo will still be creative even with a set logo. Groos said that even the O'Gorman Knight clocks were drawn by Mr. Siska going off of what he thought would be good.

"I based the clock design on my window with the Knight head," said Mr. Siska. "I used my one vote like everybody else and I didn't abuse it." Now the O'Gorman community can have a set standard for the logo.



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Engaged O'Gorman teachers Amy Carr and Matt Muller are new to this year's staff.

## A Couple of Teachers

By Jessica Davis  
and Tanya Kapoor

Ms. Amy Carr, a social sciences teacher, brought a sense of history to O'Gorman High School. A former O'Gorman alumna, Carr now teaches psychology, sociology and economics. In addition to teaching, Carr coaches volleyball and basketball, a sport she used to play at the varsity level in high school.

After attending O'Gorman, Carr attended Augustana College from 2002 to 2006. She majored in social sciences, secondary education and sociology. However, Carr states that social sciences were not her interest in grade school.

"I was never really interested

in social sciences before junior high," said Carr. "But when I was at Cathedral, Mr. Neufeld and his class really got me into the subject, and I wanted to become like him."

In addition to being a first-year teacher, Carr is engaged to Biology teacher Mr. Matt Muller. Both of them dated from their freshman to senior year of college. The two have been engaged since January 2007.

"Having free time is definitely a great thing in between teaching and planning a wedding," said Carr.

Carr's hobbies include watching movies and coaching sports. Moreover, she is a huge Green Bay Packer's fan.

As an individual, Carr is

someone who is dedicated to her subject matter despite her busy schedule.

Not only has the student population of O'Gorman High School swelled, new faces have also been added to the ranks of faculty. Mr. Matt Muller is one of those new faces, and it is only right that he be recognized alongside his fiancé.

Muller is a graduate of Augustana College. There, he was not only a member of the Tri-Beta Biological Honor Society, a group for biology majors, but an athletic student as well. Muller played defensive end for the Augustana football team.

In earlier years, Muller

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## Seniors, why vote?

By Kayla Frank  
Staff Writer

Being a senior is a big deal. They are at the top of the pyramid, the big kids on campus. Being a senior also means turning 18. There are many things seniors can do when they turn 18, but the one that stands out among the rest is voting.

It has been 36 years since President Nixon signed the 26<sup>th</sup> Amendment lowering the voting age from 21 to 18. Many think this was a wise choice. If people can fight for their country why can't they have a choice in who their country's leaders are? However, is 18 the appropriate age and maturity level to pick our country's President? Some 18-year-olds don't even know who the Vice President of the United States is.

"I'm excited to vote for the first time," said senior Sarah Weidler. "I think that 18-year-olds should be able to vote because at 18 you're considered an adult. Adults make decisions, whether good or bad."

Having the right to vote is a popular subject among 18-year-olds. Many are excited that they can finally make history through the act of casting a ballot. But for being so excited many do not show it. In 2000 only 30.2% of 18-19-year-olds voted in the election between George W. Bush and Al Gore.

To go along with that, how do 18 year olds make their final decision? For many students it would have to be their parents. Students may see the presidential candidates on TV and see what they are for or against, but a large part of their decision would be based on their parents' beliefs.

A recent study showed that 45% of young voters based their

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## Competition fuels magazine drive

By Chris Kappen  
Activities Editor

The magazine drive here at O'Gorman has always been a huge tradition ever since the mid 1980s.

On November 7<sup>th</sup> the magazine drive will take off again and students will try to reach an even higher goal. Last year O'Gorman reached the magazine drive goal of \$114,000. The students sold so many magazines that they surpassed the goal by about \$400. The spirit of friendly competition between advisories inspires

students to go out and support their school as they try to sell as many magazine subscriptions as possible.

For many advisories, they already have a reputation of winning. Mrs. Marquardt's advisory, for example, has won for the past two years. Marquardt has set some incentives in her advisory for her students to sell magazines. She gives away her own fabulous prizes each year and this year they are from Bulgaria.

"My advisory has the ability to work together and motivate

each other and a strong desire to be successful at O'Gorman," said Marquardt.

The magazine drive is always a huge benefit for O'Gorman. Each student is given a catalog of magazine subscriptions and they are to go out and sell the subscriptions to as many people as possible.

Each class is competing against each other and the winning class receives big prizes. Students may specify what groups inside of the school that they would like their money to benefit.



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Jessica Ballard ponders what magazine to read.



## TATU forms advisory

By Danny Isaacson  
Staff Writer

TATU/SADD has added another addition to its program. A new advisory board is set in place to help guide the program to its overall goal.

This group was created by Donna Carlson to plan activities and make decisions. One decision is what to do with all the money they have gotten this past year.

"For one thing they will help make decisions on activities throughout the year," said Mrs. Carlson. "They will also have a huge part in the decision on how to spend the \$20,000 grant we received."

This new addition will make changes to the TATU program by how they approach the new year and the years to come. But they do

not expect to make this a recruiting scheme. The group has enough members.

"More is not always better. Effectiveness for me is not measured in numbers but outcome," said Mrs. Carlson. "I would much rather have a solid group of kids with a passion for what they do in lieu of large numbers with limited or lukewarm commitment."

So the question is, who is the chairman of the advisory board? Answer, no one. There will never be a hierarchy within the group. Everyone that is in TATU will have his or her own role within the council.

This new group will now, in many people's eyes, accomplish new tasks along the way. With the advisory board being all of the group members, it will help them make decisions as a whole.

## Philosophy Club offers insight

By Brad Wakefield  
Knight Life Editor

Philosophy Club was born during fourth period lunch when four seniors thought about something other than their stomachs.

Charlie Costello, Alli Herdina, Sean Lawler and Josie Marko are the founders of O'Gorman's newest group and currently its only members. They found themselves talking about theories of Plato and abstract questions during their lunch period.

After just a few weeks of friendly debates and in-depth discussions these four seniors wanted more than just fifty minutes a day to discuss their theories. They decided to meet at a different member's house every other week.

"We started Philosophy Club to bring logical thinking into every aspect of our everyday life," said Marko.

Nicknames are also a large part of Philosophy Club. Costello has been named John Locke, Herdina is Socrates, Lawler is Sayid and Marko



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Sean Lawler, Alli Herdina, Josie Marko and Charlie Costello formed the O'Gorman Philosophy Club.

has been named Plato.

Costello had chosen John Locke as a philosopher due to the ideas of the formation of government. Coincidentally, a character on the hit TV show *Lost* is known by the same name.

Due to this coincidence Lawler decided to play off of the *Lost* theme and named himself Sayid, another character on the show.

This new club at O'Gorman has several different studies and books in mind to converse and ponder about.

The group is also inviting anyone willing to join but with two requirements. First, one must be interested, thoughtful and open-minded to the classics of philosophical writing. Second, making waffles is a must when the meetings are held at one's house.

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# Girls tennis, soccer earn state titles



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The O’Gorman Lady Knights tennis team dominated the competition at the state tournament and brought home the title.



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The O’Gorman Lady Knights soccer team defeated Sioux Falls Washington to claim the 2007 state title.



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Seniors Joe Palmiter and Alex Scholten look to bring a third straight state trophy to O’Gorman High School.

## Threepeat?

### Teams have high hopes for winter sports

By Danny Isaacson  
Staff Writer

As fall sports come to an end, winter sports are just beginning to heat up. The boy’s basketball team is coming off two straight 11AA crowns in a row and four trips to the championship game. They will return key players that have made that difference - Alex Scholten, Joe Palmiter and Will Powell. They will arguably be one of the best teams in the state. They also return Head Coach of the Year Derek Robey and Steve Krier. Also, girls basketball is returning to the court with some

top players back in the line up, including Melanie Peterson, Makayla Grady and Emily Schulte. Last season the girls placed third in state. They are coached by Kent Kolsrud, who led the team to the tournament last season in Watertown. The girls will open their season with Rapid City Stevens on December 7th. Power lifting also starts up this winter. Last winter the power lifting team placed first overall at the state power lifting meet. Returning for them are Kayla Frank and Dan Windschill. “It is a great feeling when you lift a ton of weight,” said Windschill. “Then when you are done you’re like, wow I can’t be-

lieve I just did that...crazy.” The bowling team is also hitting the lanes again this year. This year they return many letter winners, such as Nick Doetzel. “I think we have a strong core coming back,” said Doetzel. “I think we can come in strong to the state bowling tournament and prove to be a force.” Also returning is Michael Bruggemen. Returning to the mat this year is a strong wrestling team led by Tyler Davis, Travis Gruidel, Tyler Jaeger, Brian Schulte and Barry Freidman. “We’ll be a solid wrestling team, and we expect to do well,” said Jaeger. “It should be a fun season,” said Davis.

## Brookings downs O’G; Knights finish 10-1

By Jameson Goetz  
Staff Writer

The Brookings Bobcats handed the Knights their first loss of the season in football playoff action on Oct. 29. The Bobcats won 29-21 to end O’Gorman’s season. The Knights led 21-7 at one point, but Brookings managed to score 22 unanswered points. The Knights ended their season with a 10-1 record. The Knights, coached by Steve Kueter, won every game during the regular season in a near-dominating fashion. They also continued their dominance

over rival Roosevelt High School. With O’Gorman out, all remaining teams seem capable of taking home the state title.

2007 Regular Season	
O’G 40	Spearfish 7
O’G 28	Washington 14
O’G 14	Roosevelt 7
O’G 45	R.C. Stevens 0
O’G 35	Mitchell 6
O’G 48	R.C. Central 7
O’G 34	Sturgis 3
O’G 10	Brandon Valley 6
O’G 28	Lincoln 6
2007 Playoffs	
O’G 55	Douglas 6
O’G 21	Brookings 29

## Volleyball powers on amid tough foes

By Kayla Frank  
Staff Writer

The 2007-2008 varsity girls volleyball team began their season with a rough start. Head coach Renae Kuchta and assistant coach Heather Nohrenberg lead the varsity volleyball team this year. The varsity volleyball players have a fairly young team with only five seniors and six juniors. Most of them are just playing with each other for the first time. “Our team has had a rough year so far because we have such a young team and haven’t all played together,” said junior Molly Vigor. “But in the upcoming years the other teams better watch out because we will be a strong team

and will have all worked together.” The Knights started off their season against the Lincoln Patriots. The Knights lost 22-25, 10-25 and 20-25 in three games. The Knights later played against the Spearfish Spartans and Rapid City Central. The Knights beat the Spartans in all three games. The first game was a close one being 29-27 but during the second and third game the Knights pounded them. After playing five games against Central the Knights finally beat them with a winning score of 15-8 in the last game. The Knights are also anxiously waiting for their first tournament game and then hoping to go on to state.



# A web of hidden confessions

By Joe Klein  
Opinion Editor

We all want someone to listen. That, more than anything is what we have in common. But even if we find ourselves isolated, there is at least one person who wants to listen.

In 2004, Frank Warren did something unheard of: he asked strangers to share their deepest, darkest, most personal secrets not only with him, but the entire world.

Warren walked the streets of Washington, D.C. in November of that year handing out 3,000 blank postcards with the simple instructions to share a secret and decorate the card however they would like.

He received 100 of the cards

back in the mail and contributed them to a community art exhibit entitled *Artomatic*. With the conclusion of the exhibit, he expected the project to end and to return to his normal life.

Three years and over 150,000 postcards later, Warren is the operator of one of the most read blogs on the Web, PostSecret.

“My hope is that people I have never met will be inspired to change their lives through the secrets and stories being shared,” said Warren in his latest print publication of the contributions, *A Lifetime of Secrets*.

This is his fourth book (following *PostSecret*, *My Secret: A PostSecret Book*, and *The Secret Lives of Men and Women*) to hit shelves with the infamous address scrawled on the front:

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Warren updates his Web site (www.postsecret.com) each Sunday with about 20 of the thousands of secrets he receives weekly.

Among these thousands are stories of healing, secret apologies and hushed thank yous. There are cries for help (often answered by loving comments left by readers), humorous experiences, confessions of love, remorse, and forgiveness.

After a few visits to *PostSecret*, one may find oneself inexplicably comforted by the knowledge that someone else has a similar secret. And, one may just be encouraged to share a secret of his or her own.



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*A Lifetime of Secrets* is Frank Warren's latest book that contains the untold tales of many.

“I have witnessed many times how the courage of sharing a secret can be contagious,” said Warren.

You are invited right now to tell your story, find comfort in the

care of others and share secrets with the world.

As this paper is published, my secret will likely have arrived in Germantown, Maryland. Try it. You won't regret it.



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Junior Sung-Young Kim displays his skills and talents in break dancing.

## Students break tradition with break dancing club

By Jameson Goetz  
Staff Writer

A group of O’Gorman boys is hoping to accomplish gender equality. O’Gorman junior and international student from South Korea Sung-Young Kim and sophomore Vince Danh are planning on starting a school sponsored break dancing club.

“I decided to start a break dancing club after some friends and I found out we could break dance during the homecoming dance,” said Kim. Although organized to create opportunities for boys, the break dancing club is available to girls, too.

“We thought that if girls can have a dance team, why couldn’t

boys have a dance club,” said Kim.

Theology teacher Mr. Leo Lorang is planning on advising the break dancing club. The club plans to meet around twice a week.

“We would like to go to break dancing competitions,” said Kim. “We are also planning on trying out for the variety show next year.”

The break dancing team expects a turn out of at least ten people for its first meeting. Kim hopes that the club can grow from there.

“Break dancing is very popular in South Korea,” said Kim. “South Korea has the number one break dancing team in the world.”

Break dancing, although originally from The United States, has become most popular in South Korea.

“I learned to break dance at a community center in Korea,” said Kim.

Break dancing is so popular in South Korea that it is almost impossible to go to a public place and not find teenagers practicing their break dancing.

“I really improved my break dancing by going to the subway,” said Kim. “The subway station is one of the most popular places to practice break dancing.”

Kim was a participant in his school’s break dancing team in South Korea for two years.

## Adventures abound with Sanaa’s food

By David Haney  
Sports Editor

Food can be a frustrating thing. When it’s a home cooked meal, there’s no strain because it’s going to be whatever the family makes.

It’s a whole different thing when looking for places to eat. There are only so many times one can go to fast food joints, and commercial “sit down” restaurants eventually become a bore.

When contemplating how dull the food life has gotten, it comes as a surprise when you find a place with as much originality as taste. I had the privilege of eating at Sanaa’s.

This Mediterranean/ Middle Eastern gourmet restaurant was an amazing choice when it comes to variety.

To start out the meal I went for a Spinach Pie (\$1.25 per pie), which was considerably appetizing considering I don’t normally like spinach.

The salad menu was expansive and I found it hard to decide which one I wanted. I ended up ordering the Tabouli salad (\$2.50), which was a mix of chopped parsley, bulgur wheat, tomato, a touch of onion, and a lemon mint olive oil dressing. After eating this salad I feel like

I should never eat a plain salad again.

Choosing my main course was harder than choosing my salad. I am not exaggerating in the least when I say that everything looked good. In the end I chose a traditional chicken kebab meal by the name of Shish Tawook (\$5.00). I was not disappointed. The chicken was cooked in what was vaguely called a special, in house sauce that leaves me annoyed that I don’t know what it was that made it so delicious.

In today’s monotonous food world, it is lucky to find a place like Sanaa’s. I will certainly not be forgetting this place any time soon.

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# Photo Survey

By Joe Klein  
Opinion Editor

**Question:** What are you most looking forward to in the new school?



**Kelly Stephens:**  
Central heating and cooling



**Alexander Julian:**  
How about everything?



**Tyler Jacobsen:**  
Not getting snowed on in the hallways



**Katie Schlotterback:**  
Um...about that...

# Senior offers words of thanksgiving

By Brad Wakefield  
Knight Life Editor

I complain everyday. I complain that it's too hot or too cold. I complain about the lunch line being too long. I complain when my Starbucks is made in less than two minutes.

It is this time of the year that I realized that my life is more than mediocre. It's great! I go to a fantastic school with top test scores; I have food in my stomach and a job. Why is it that I feel the need to grumble at every little thing that doesn't go my way? I also know that I am not the only one that has committed the complaining crime.

I do not think that there is a person at this school that has not protested against the awkward stairs leading up to O'Gorman. Do we have such privileged lives that we have resorted to whining about stairs?

*Sam 4* had released in theaters

a couple weeks ago and I was so excited to see it. I only brought my checkbook and I prayed that the theater would take my check. I went to pay, and the theater only took cash and cards.

At this point I threw a big fit and announced to everyone waiting in line that the theater wouldn't let me buy a ticket. This was probably a little dramatic. I now think back to how ridiculous it was that I complained that I couldn't pay with a check.

I threw a tantrum because I couldn't see the movie I wanted to see when I wanted to see it. People are starving and I'm upset because I can't write a check?

I realize that the O'Gorman community gives so much to so many people. The students at this school give more than I would expect from anyone. Although, even though we are helping the community, I believe we can help even more with a better attitude. I know that I rarely give a thought

to say thank you to my parents for cable or even dinner.

I think that most of us do not realize how our lives could be different or how fast they can change. Senior boys, we turn eighteen at least by this summer and at midnight of our birthday we are subject to draft at any time.

42,116 people die each year in car accidents. Our religion teacher, Mrs. Bruggeman, was diagnosed with cancer when spending time with her family last Christmas. How easily our lives can be turned upside down!

This November, let's remember what's important. Let's remind ourselves that having to put on a sweater because the school is cold is not that big of a deal.

Let's remember that the money we pay for a dress down day is for a good cause. We need to be grateful and we need to give thanks. We need to cherish our lives because at any moment they can change for the worse.

# Voting

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decision on their friends and parents. But, only 24% base their vote on the knowledge they have of the presidential candidate. Those are pretty low percentages when picking this country's leaders.

"I would not research any Presidential candidates before voting. We learned that from the last election, didn't we?" said senior Jamie Teide with a laugh.

"But in all seriousness, I would base my voting decision on what the economy needs and what the candidates values and goals were to help our economy."

Celebrities and other adults are constantly encouraging young voters to cast their ballot because it's our freedom. Many people in other countries do not have the privilege to pick who its leader is. The United State has that freedom, and all who are eligible should use it to their advantage.

# Teachers

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played on the defensive line of his high school football team, played forward on the basketball team and threw discus and shot-put in track.

It seems that his love of sports lives on in his weekend activities. On weekends, Muller can be found watching his favorite football teams, the Iowa Hawkeyes and the Kansas City Chiefs.

Muller believes that sports played a large factor in his career decision as well. He was interested not only in how the body

was structured, but also how it works.

Muller is not only an avid sports fan and teacher, but also a cosmopolitan traveler. Muller has visited much of the United States, with the occasional trip to Canada and Mexico. Two of the more famous locations Muller has visited include the Grand Canyon and Hearst Castle. But his favorite vacation spot is in Philmont, New Mexico where he went backpacking in the mountains for ten days.

More recently, Muller's travels have been to the weddings of friends and family, four in the last two months. Soon, his own will be added to the list.





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During the month of November the O'Gorman TATU/SADD group would like to say thank you to our teachers and staff that continue to work to make O'Gorman a great school!